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of the world. You have the best regiment in the best division in the army, and if you should ask your battalion commander, he would say you had any battalion skinned, and he wouldn't be far wrong.

"Just think about this drive! After we get to the sector and get used to it, you will get into open warfare, and if they need us bad enough they will send us on to a more active front. But I am afraid we will not be that lucky.

"I never was so anxious to get into anything. I may not feel that way about it tomorrow, or the next day, and I don't mean to say I never was scared, for I have been damned badly scared. The usual thing is that you get scared thinking about it, but when you get into it, there is nothing will stop a real live man.

"General Bailey wishes you a pleasant trip, and I also hope you will have a fine trip. I never say good-bye. When you get an order carry it out, but first understand it. You have to use your head. In the present fighting I understand it will be on a mountain, and we have the Germans on a down hill push. Good-night, and I again wish you a pleasant trip."

Another two days' cattle car ride, via Troyes, Chaumont and Epinal put us in Bruyeres. No description of this ride is necessary to recall the discomforts and cold suffered, especially by those who rode on the open flat cars. We spent the next two days in training in vicinity of Belmont, southeast of St. Dié.

We were delighted upon our arrival in St. Dié during the night of September 18, to find a town with paved streets and stores. Here at last was a town large enough to supply all our wants,